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Sheriff Manuel Gonzales III

Hello residents and visitors to Bernalillo County. Please enjoy our April 2018 issue of the "communicator."

We continue our effort to work with you, our community and visitors of our county to continue to provide you with the superior service you have come to expect.

This newsletter is intended for residents and visitors of the County of Bernalillo, the Sheriff's East Area Command, North Valley Area Command, and South Valley Area Command. The purpose of our newsletter is to keep an open line of communications between you, the citizens, and us, the deputies, who are sworn to protect you and your property.

April 2018 Newsletter

Please feel free to forward this newsletter to any and all your neighbors who are interested news, crime fighting tips, and communication from the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office. If any person wishes to be placed on the internet e-mail distribution list please forward that request via e-mail to

tgartenmayer@bernco.gov



*We will be forever
on duty to ensure
you are safe and
cared for.*

News from East Area Command

We had our first "Coffee with a Cop" event on Monday March 19th at the Cabra Coffee on North 14. The event was attended by Sheriff Manuel Gonzales and deputies of the East Area Command, as well as several citizens of the East Mountain Area.

Many subjects were discussed, including: personal and property security, traffic issues, fire safety and interagency cooperation. We would like to continue this type of community interaction in the future, so stay tuned for our next event coming in June. Coffee with a cop allows for personal communication between the public and members of the department of all ranks in an informal and personal setting, facilitating the ease of communication between us all. We look forward to meeting you in the future.



News from South Area Command

The deputies of the South Valley Area Command are taking an incredibly proactive commitment to prevent crime in the South Valley. Citizen satisfaction and overall safety is what each deputy is committed to. With that in mind, deputies have been performing the following special operations within the South Valley:

- Deputies have been working in a capacity within local businesses to prevent chronic shoplifters from reoffending. Deputies have been placed at numerous local businesses to deter criminal activity and panhandling outside of businesses so that

citizens can have a safe and enjoyable shopping experience. Marked patrol units at businesses also deters would be criminals from committing auto theft and auto burglaries in the parking lots.

- Deputies have been walking streets where we have the highest reported residential burglaries and crime problems in an effort to be more visible, stop, and talk with the citizens to give them crime prevention advice and learn what the specific problems are in the neighborhood.



- Major traffic enforcement is being conducted in the construction areas such as Rio Bravo and I-25 as well as Barcelona Rd SW. This is an effort to slow people down, deter road rage incidents and keep children walking to and from school safe.

As the weather get hotter, please remember to NEVER leave kids or pets in the car as temperatures within the vehicle can rise to 120 degrees within minutes. In addition, leaving your car running so the air conditioner can stay on is an open invitation for car thieves to quickly and easily steal your car.

Please be on the lookout for deputies with their lights and sirens on while you are driving. When you see or hear the emergency equipment immediately, pull to the right and stop. Pulling to the left or the median is very dangerous for the deputy and the citizens.

If you have concerns or would like extra patrols of your area, please do not hesitate to contact the South Valley Area Commander Captain Andie Taylor at ataylor@bernco.gov.

News from North Area Command

Just a friendly reminder from the North Valley Area Command.

Please observe all active school zones. Deputies will be actively patrolling school zones during opening/ mornings and afternoons for speeders & community contacts with children and parents.

News from the Criminal Investigations Division

New Mexico is currently ranked 49th in the nation for child welfare. Every child deserves to grow up in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment. Please join us during April Prevention Month to "Say Something, Do Something for Kids," by promoting and strengthening child abuse prevention efforts in Bernalillo County.

Children are the foundation of our society, our community and our future. Children raised in loving and supportive environments are more likely to prosper academically and financially, becoming successful contributing

members of society. We need to enhance the success of our communities by promoting programs and policies that seek to support the lives of children and families. Preventing child abuse and neglect results in better childhoods, ultimately saving millions of dollars currently used to address the short and long-term effects of abuse on children, their families, and our communities. The savings generated through prevention can be used to serve our communities in other ways, making them safer, economically successful, and great places to live and grow.

*Your safety and that
of your loved ones is
the most important
thing to us at the
Bernalillo County
Sheriff's
Department.*

We all have the power to stop child abuse

What is Child Abuse and Neglect?

Child abuse is an act or failure to act by a parent or caregiver that results in death, serious physical or emotional harm, sexual abuse or exploitation, or that creates an imminent risk of serious harm to a child. Child abuse typically refers to harm caused by parents or other caregivers, but acquaintances, strangers, and other persons may also be responsible for abusing a child.

Recognizing the Signs of Abuse

Children who are abused may or may not show physical or behavioral signs of being maltreated. In some instances, there may be an unusual pattern or location of physical injuries that suggests abuse. In other cases, there may be no physical indicators, but the child's behavior has changed in a questionable and observable way. Educate yourself and others about some of the obvious and less obvious signs of possible child abuse, including:

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| • Physical signs | weather conditions | • Low self-esteem |
| • Injuries such as bruises, burns, welts, or broken bones that are unexplained have implausible explanations | • Speech delay | • Problems expressing feelings |
| • Missing hair | • Frequent tardiness or absence from school | • Fatigue, listlessness, or regularly falling asleep in class |
| • Poor hygiene | • Behavioral signs | • Constantly seeking attention or approval |
| • Injuries or redness around the genitals | • Declining school performance or involvement | • Sleeping problems or insomnia |
| • Multiple injuries at different stages of healing | • Lack of concentration | • Reluctance to go home |
| • Improperly treated injury or medical condition | • Difficulty making and keeping friends | • Lack of parental interest or participation |
| • Slowed physical development | • Signs of persistent unhappiness or depression | • Begging or stealing food |
| • Unattended medical or dental needs | • Withdrawn from others | • Unusual fears |
| • Consistent hunger | • Displaying angry or aggressive behavior | • Sexualized behaviors |
| • Inappropriate clothing for | • Destruction of property | • Unusual knowledge of sex for the child's age or developmental stage |
| | • Hurting themselves or others | |



Deputies put the badge on every day not knowing for sure if they'll come home to take it off.

Reporting Suspected Child Maltreatment

Reporting suspected or known child abuse is a brave act that may prevent a child from being harmed or even save a child's life. Any concerned individual who suspects or knows that a child is being threatened, abused or neglected needs to report that information to child protective services or law enforcement.

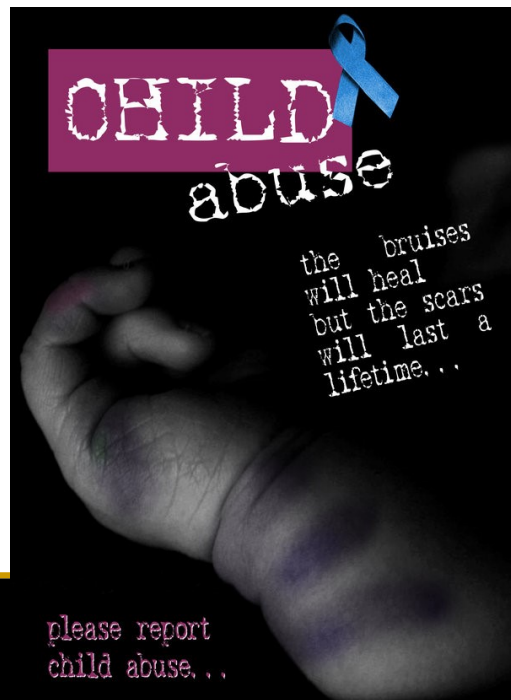
A report of alleged child maltreatment may be made by anyone. Voluntary reports come from family, friends, neighbors and other caring community members. Mandated reporting is a federal and statutory requirement for specific professionals and service providers, including but not limited to schools, medical staff, law enforcement, and social workers, who are legally bound to make a report when maltreatment or threatened harm to a child is suspected or confirmed. Reporters do not have to prove or personally witness the maltreatment. The law is very clear – reports should also be made when abuse or neglect is **suspected** or where there is a **threat** that maltreatment may occur unless action is taken.

To report suspected abuse or neglect statewide: 1-855-333-SAFE, or online at cyfd.org, or if you would like to help children in New Mexico affected by abuse and neglect visit PULLTOGETHER.ORG.

**Wear BLUE on
April 6, 2018
to show your support.**



Show your support by promoting and strengthening child abuse prevention efforts in New Mexico. Take a picture of yourself and your colleagues wearing blue and share it on your favorite social media platform.





*We are proud of
our deputies and
once you know
more about them,
we are sure you
will be proud of
them too!*

CRIME REDUCTION AND SAFETY TIPS

An ongoing scam has re-emerged throughout Bernalillo County. Unknown persons, identifying themselves as sworn law enforcement officers, will telephone area residents and advise the citizen that there is currently an active warrant out for their arrest. They state the warrant was issued for various things, such as, failure to go to jury duty, IRS taxes due, and failure to pay fines.

The scammer will then demand the citizen purchase some type of credit card from a store (Green Dot, Visa, etc.) and then give the scammer the credit card number. Some citizens have believed this scam and have lost thousands of dollars.

Please be aware that a Bernalillo County Law Enforcement officer **WILL NEVER** call and demand money over the phone. These scammers are very ag-

gressive and threaten the citizen with arrest or asset forfeiture. Do not believe the lies. Hang up on these callers and do not respond if they call again.

Please report any instances of this scam to the Attorney General's Office by using the below contact information.

Albuquerque Office:

111 Lomas Blvd NW, Ste 120

Albuquerque, NM 87102

Toll Free: 1-866-627-3249

Phone: (505) 222-9000

Fax: (505) 222-9006



**PHONE
SCAM
ALERT**



News from the Sheriff's Office

The "Communicator" recently sat down and interviewed Lieutenant Brandon Blackmon who oversees the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department Emergency Response Team (ERT).

Communicator: What does the Emergency Response Team do?

Lieutenant: ERT is comprised of full time sworn deputies who accept appointment to the ERT as an auxiliary assignment in addition to their regular assigned duties. ERT is tasked with responding to various types of critical incidents including, but not limited to, Crowd control, search and rescue, civil unrest, crime scene security, evidence retrieval, and large area searches. The ERT consists of forty (45) deputies, three (3) sergeants, and one (1) lieutenant who respond in conjunction with other divisions of the Sheriff's Office. It is their priority to bring a successful and positive resolution to critical incidents.

Communicator: What type of training do the ERT deputies receive?

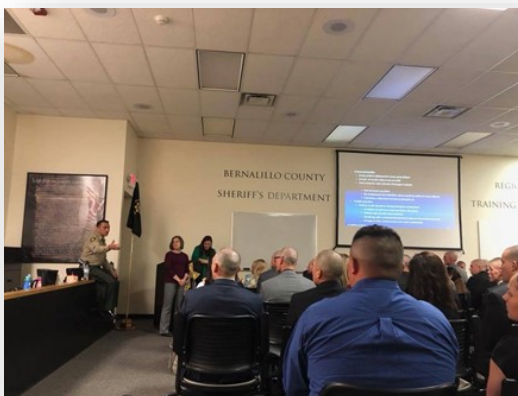
Lieutenant: All ERT members attend a minimum of 80 hours of advanced training. This training can include "Field Force Operations" (40 hours), "Field Force Extrication" (40 hours), "Field Force Command" (40 hours), "Chemical Munitions Deployment" (24 hours), "Crisis Negotiations" (40 hours), "Crisis Intervention" (40

hours), and supervisions and management courses. In addition, all ERT members attend a minimum of 8 hours of maintenance training every quarter

Communicator: Do the ERT deputies work with other Public Safety providers?

Lieutenant: Yes, we work closely with the Bernalillo County District Attorney's office, Albuquerque Police Department, New Mexico State Police and the Rio Rancho Police Department. By doing so we are able to address issues that affect the public safety and security of members of our community. We also share tips and best practices with surrounding agencies to aid in the successful resolution of critical incidents.

Sheriff Manuel Gonzales III and the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office Peer Support Team spoke with cadets and their family's for family night. As our cadets continue their path to become deputies, we stress the importance of a strong family support system. In this family, no one fights alone!



"Law enforcement officers are never 'off duty.' They are dedicated public servants who are sworn to protect public safety at any time and place that the peace is threatened. They need all the help that they can get"

-Barbara Boxer



*My heroes are
those who risk
their lives every
day to protect our
world and make it
a better place -
police, firefighters
and members of
our armed forces.
-Sidney Sheldon*

NEWS FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT BUREAU

WANTED Bernalillo County Security Aides

The Bernalillo County Security Aide is an entry-level position that provides a pathway to becoming a deputy. This position gives a person a chance to work with deputies and learn about the law enforcement profession.

The Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department employs County Security Aides to assist deputies on patrol and to assist with security at the Metropolitan Detention Center and Public Safety Center. While assisting patrol deputies, County Security Aides respond to crashes to take reports and assist with directing traffic at crashes or as needed. County Security Aides also respond to other report calls that do not require a deputy at the scene.

At the Metropolitan Detention Center and Public Safety Center, County Security Aides utilize x-ray scanners and metal detectors to prevent arrestees and employees from bringing unauthorized items into the facilities.

Once hired, County Security Aides will attend the County Security Aide academy where they will learn the basic skills to be a County Security Aide. If the County Security Aide is going to work on patrol, the County Security Aide will then go through field training with a deputy for on the job training.

The requirements for the position of County Security Aide are:

- High school diploma or GED, plus six months (6) security/safety/law enforcement experience is preferred.
- Ability to learn traffic laws and parking codes, proper report writing procedures and basic concepts of safety.
- Ability to perform certain routine law enforcement functions in accordance with department rules and regulations.
- Ability to develop positive interpersonal relationships with supervisors, others in the department and the general public.
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- Ability to exercise sound judgment in emergency situations.
- Ability to follow oral and written instructions.
- Ability to communicate effectively in both oral and written English.
- Physically able to perform duties which may involve direct physical contact with other persons in performance of duties.
- A written test and a physical assessment must be also be passed as part of the requirements for the position. The requirements for the physical assessment are:
 - Complete a 1.5 mile run in under 15:20
 - Complete 29 or more push-ups in one minute
 - Complete 31 or more sit-ups in one minute

If you have any questions about the County Security Aide position please contact Sgt. Fred Beers, at fdbeers@bernco.gov or (505) 468-7425

News from Bernalillo County

New Bernalillo County Commissioner Sworn-in

Bernalillo County – New Bernalillo County commissioner, James E. Smith was sworn-in Tuesday afternoon to fill the District 5 seat.

Commissioner Smith comes to the county from the state legislature where he has been a representative since 2011.

Before becoming a lawmaker, Commissioner Smith retired from Albuquerque Public Schools, after 18 years, where he was a high school science teacher.

“I look forward to working closely with this talented commission to further improve the public services offered to the great residents of Bernalillo County,” says Commissioner James E. Smith.

Commissioner Smith was appointed to the Bernalillo County Commission by Gov. Susana Martinez to fill the seat vacated by Wayne Johnson, who is now the state auditor.



We must honor, protect and support our police officers and their families every day of the year.